

Recovery Act funded project will create 100 jobs and improve health care for local families

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jim Costa’s fight to construct a new outpatient center at Corcoran District Hospital has taken a major step forward. Today, Costa announced \$12 million for Corcoran hospital to construct a 17,000-square foot outpatient center. The loan, made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act), will allow the hospital to provide ambulatory surgery and imaging services to the 14,000 residents across the Kings County community. Construction of the new center will create 100 jobs for the region.

“This project has been years in the making and I am proud that our efforts have paid off,” said Costa. “Construction of the new center will create jobs and improve access to health care for Kings County families. This funding is a major win for the Kings County community and I will continue to work to ensure that our Valley receives the investments we need to grow and move forward.”

The Corcoran District Hospital is an acute care hospital located in the southern portion of Kings County. Costa has been working with Corcoran District Hospital throughout his time in Congress to expand health care access and services to the people of Kings County.

CEO of Corcoran Hospital John Brenn highlighted the importance of this project and expressed his appreciation for the work of Rep. Costa.

"The City of Corcoran and its hospital were thrilled to receive the news that the USDA has approved its application for a Rural Development loan of \$12 million to enable it to complete the first phase of its replacement hospital project," said Brenn. "This phase will create 100 construction jobs in a region that is experiencing 16% unemployment right now, and the completed health care facility will improve access to high quality services in a county that is largely indigent and rural. We are grateful to Congressman Costa for his efforts and influence to make this a reality in Corcoran."

The Recovery Act funding for the replacement hospital project announced today was made available through the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities program which focuses

on strengthening and investing in rural communities.